

Order Number: # 03-12-03-23-35



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Tonto National Forest
Mesa Ranger District**

Four Peaks Public Safety Closure Order

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b) the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Mesa Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area"):

1. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the provisions of this Order:

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS

Consisting of the following described roads and motorized trails, as well as all NFS lands within 300 feet of the centerline from each road and motorized trails listed:

NFS Road 402- Starting at the intersection of State Route (SR) 87 and NFS Road 402,

then following northwest for approximately 3.5 miles to the junction of Motorized Trail (MT) 1855.

NFS Road 143- Starting at the intersection of SR 87 and NFS Road 143, then following east and north for approximately 4.5 miles (ending approximately one mile passed the intersection with MT 11).

MT 1863- Starting at the intersection with NFS Road 143, then following south for approximately 3.25 miles to the intersection with MT 13.

MT 1832- Starting at the intersection with NFS Road 143, then following south for approximately 2.75 miles to the intersection with MT 13.

NFS Road 401-starting at the intersection with NFS Road 143, then following south/southeast until the intersection with MT 13 at Cottonwood Camp Trailhead.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect the health and safety of participants in a volunteer cleanup event taking place in the Described Area under a Forest Service Special Use Permit.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from November 04, 2023, at 6:00am through November 04, 2023, at 6:00pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area/Roads/Trails is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notice>
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Mesa Ranger District in Mesa, AZ (480) 610-3300, and Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, AZ (602) 225-5200, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in

the same Described Area/Roads/Trails.

Signed and issued on November 2, 2023.

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